



Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting

Thursday, September 18, 2014, 9:30am
Recreation Center Conference Room

Present: Holly Daines, Dan King, Jim Laub, Dan Blakely, Ed Stephens, Russ Akina, Allen Lowe, Eduardo Ortiz

Excused: Rick Watson, Jordy Guth

Approval of Minutes: Holly moved to approve the minutes from the August 21 Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting. Eduardo seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved as written.

Board Replacement:

- Channah resigned from the Board because she is no longer able to attend these meetings
- Russ asked for recommendations from the Board; these recommendations will be given to the Mayor so he can make a selection to present to City Council for ratification
- Jim asked to whom the recommendations should be submitted; recommendations should be submitted to Russ or Jalayne
- Holly suggested sending the names to all Board members so their feedback can be given to the Mayor
- Allen's second term ends in November and he is filling a position recommended by the School Board; the Advisory Board discussed District employees who could potentially fill Allen's seat
 - Jim asked about Logan Brown; Holly wondered if he could miss his classes to attend the meetings
 - All Board members must be residents of Logan City; Dan King said Logan doesn't live in the City
- Jim expressed appreciation for Allen's time and service on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

Main Gym:

- The completion date of the Main Gym has been pushed to November 20
 - They discovered a natural spring underneath the gym floor and needed to install a vapor barrier
- Junior Grizz, the high school basketball program, starts in October and ends mid-November
 - One of the other gyms will have to be made available for this program which affects public use
- The Main Gym will not be used for high school basketball tryouts
- In case the gym is not completed on time, the Novemberfest organizers will not use it this year

Comprehensive Plan:

- Each member of the Board was given a hard copy of the Comprehensive Plan
- Russ plans to reformat the tables on pages 53 and 59 as they are difficult to read in their current state
- Russ asked the Board to read through the document and provide feedback
- Jim asked about the spelling of "picnicking" on page 34; he didn't think there was a "k" in the word
 - Russ will check on the spelling of this word
- Allen asked Russ to explain pages 53 and 59; page 53 addresses capital needs based on cost and the same table is used on page 59 in the appendix as a reference to other pages in the document
- Holly suggested highlighting every other line on pages 53 and 59 so the document is easier to read

City Cemetery:

- The Sexton is aware that the Board plans to discuss the status of the Cemetery
- Russ said the road replacement has begun; it will take five years to replace all of the roads
- About two and a half lengths have been laid with new asphalt; the worst roads were replaced first
- The edges of the new asphalt are higher so the roads look narrower but they're the same width
- To prevent cars from rolling off the edges of the new asphalt and breaking it they plan to dress the edges; the crew will work on this when they have time so it may take a few weeks to complete
- Jim asked who is doing the roads; the City graded the old asphalt and Johnson laid the new asphalt
- Both entrances on 1000 North are closed so they can replace the asphalt with concrete
- Eduardo inquired about the possibility of sidewalk; the Cemetery is plotted to sell spaces so there isn't room to add sidewalks
- Dan King asked about the level of traffic through the Cemetery; people visiting the Cemetery, service vehicles, or foot traffic from students
- Russ said adding sidewalk to the south side of 1000 North is difficult because of the City's power lines
- Ed mentioned the east side will be redone next year; Russ said the construction drawings will be available for the Board meeting in November
- Holly asked if they will fix the intersection at 1000 North; Russ said that is not in the current plans
 - USU is leading the project because they're working on their infrastructure that runs along City right-of-way
- The fencing along 1200 East will be replaced with tubular steel; the City will need to purchase the same fencing for the remaining perimeter
- Would like to move away from block numbers on the pavement; Ed said some of the old cement posts still exist but there are other options
 - The first option is to install street signs with or without arrows
 - The second option is to redo the existing cement posts and add more; Jim liked this idea
 - Ed's staff could figure out a way to building the cement posts during the winter
 - Dan King thought it would be great if service groups could do most of the work
 - Jim said it could also be done as an Eagle Scout project
- Allen Lowe expressed disappointment with the state of the Cemetery; Jim agreed that it doesn't look as good as it has in the past
- Ed and Russ have been working on a plan to get the Cemetery in shape for Memorial Day next year
- Jim noted the increase in cremations and said Brigham City has addressed this in their cemetery with a wall for the ashes
- The Cemetery Sexton will attend the next meeting

Recreation Manager Report:

- The pool season has ended; there were 11 rained out days and 3 days they closed early
- There were 60,994 public swim patrons and 23,429 patrons during private reservations
 - Jim asked how that compares to previous years; Dan Blakely said it was similar to past years
- 185 participants signed up for tackle football which is 35 more than last year
- 310 participants signed up for flag football and about 200 signed up for indoor soccer
- Jim asked if there was a baseball tournament at Bridgerland Park last weekend; yes

- He asked if they pay to use the fields; yes, they pay a \$300 special event fee, which includes one field reservation, and \$60 per field per day
- This tournament uses all five baseball fields

Parks Superintendent Report:

- Replacing the drinking fountain at Willow Park and working on some connecting sidewalks
- The curved wooden bridge at Merlin Olsen Park has been torn out and being replaced
- Ed said the new tunnels at Merlin Olsen Park look really good; the landscaping is almost done
- Jim noted the center display in the roundabout at 200 East and 500 North; it's scheduled to be done by the end of September
- The Street Department is working on Canyon Road; they should finish today
- Jim mentioned one of the homes near the slide site on Canyon Road is for sale
- Russ drew and explained a diagram of the short dugway
 - The Street Department is replacing a stormwater drain
 - Curbing, decorative boulders, and landscaping will be installed at the bottom of the short dugway
 - Irrigation has been put in along the west side of the short dugway for the landscaping
 - A crosswalk will be painted at the bottom of the long dugway
 - The project should take about 10 days
 - There are also plans to pour a heated sidewalk on the east side of the short dugway
 - There are challenges to a heated sidewalk including the high cost
 - There was conversation about previous plans for the sidewalk and a safe pedestrian crossing area at the top of the short dugway

Open Forum:

- Eduardo said it is important to have some perspective from the west side of the City on the Board; he suggested asking the principals at the Bridger, Ellis, and Woodruff elementary schools for suggestions
- Holly will ask the Neighborhood Council for suggestions of potential Board members from these neighborhoods
- Holly suggested Dean Quayle to fill Channah's seat; she will make this recommendation to the Mayor
- Mark Nielsen lives on the southwest side of town; Holly will see if he has any suggestions for the Board
- Holly will ask Marshal Garrett if he has any recommendations for someone to fill Allen's seat
- Russ expressed appreciation to Allen for his time, leadership, and dedication to the Advisory Board
- Allen said it was an honor to be part of the Board and appreciated the association with everyone; he was impressed with those willing to donate the time to serve

Next Meeting: November 20, 2014 at 9:30am

Meeting Adjourned: 10:25am

Minutes Submitted by: Jalayne Hatch